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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Appln. No.:

Filed: Herewith

For: FABRICATION METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-  
identified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4 and 5 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled to avoid the excess  
claims fee.

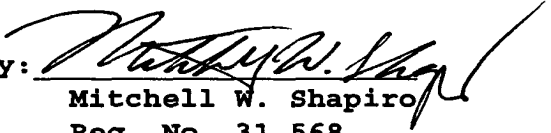
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Respectfully submitted,

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